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Recruit, Retain, and Communicate

As Dr. Lennox prepares for year three, his priorities are clear.

By Cassidy Whitaker
Editor in Chief

University President Dr. William J. Lennox reflected on his "sophomore year" at Saint Leo as a very positive one overall.

Lennox shared that the University was initially concerned that its expenses were crossing the revenue line, but because some productive, repositioning changes were made, the operational dollars over the last two years have been positive.

"I think a lot of people didn't realize that Saint Leo is in very good shape financially overall. We've got a good reserve and we've been positive over the last couple of years, but we have to be good stewards as we go forward because the environment is rough out there right now," said Lennox.

He shared that the number of high school seniors is flattening out and the military has downsized, but that the financial side is doing very well.

Lennox explained that people have jobs right now and the University is countercyclical. So, when people have jobs, they're less likely to go to school and when there are fewer jobs available, they're more likely to start going to school. "It's a tough environment and we've got to be competitive. I think we've restructured ourselves in such a way that we're in pretty good shape right now," said Lennox.

The President informed that the primary plan he intends to tackle this coming academic school year is revenue. He said that the University has three objectives for this year: to recruit more students, to retain and graduate those students, and to communicate with one another. Lennox explained that after the University went through the restructure, people and departments that had never before interacted are talking to each other now and working on building trust and communication lines.

"When I first came in, we were much like a holding company. So, you had Saint Leo, and then you had your campus, you had your online, you had your centers, and you had the graduate program, and they really were separate entities. What we've done is combined everything now so that we're one university," said Lennox.

He shared that an example of this is the education counselors who take calls from prospective students are now talking to the centers as well, whereas they only used to deal with the online program. Essentially, the online program and the centers used to compete but are now working together to help one another out.

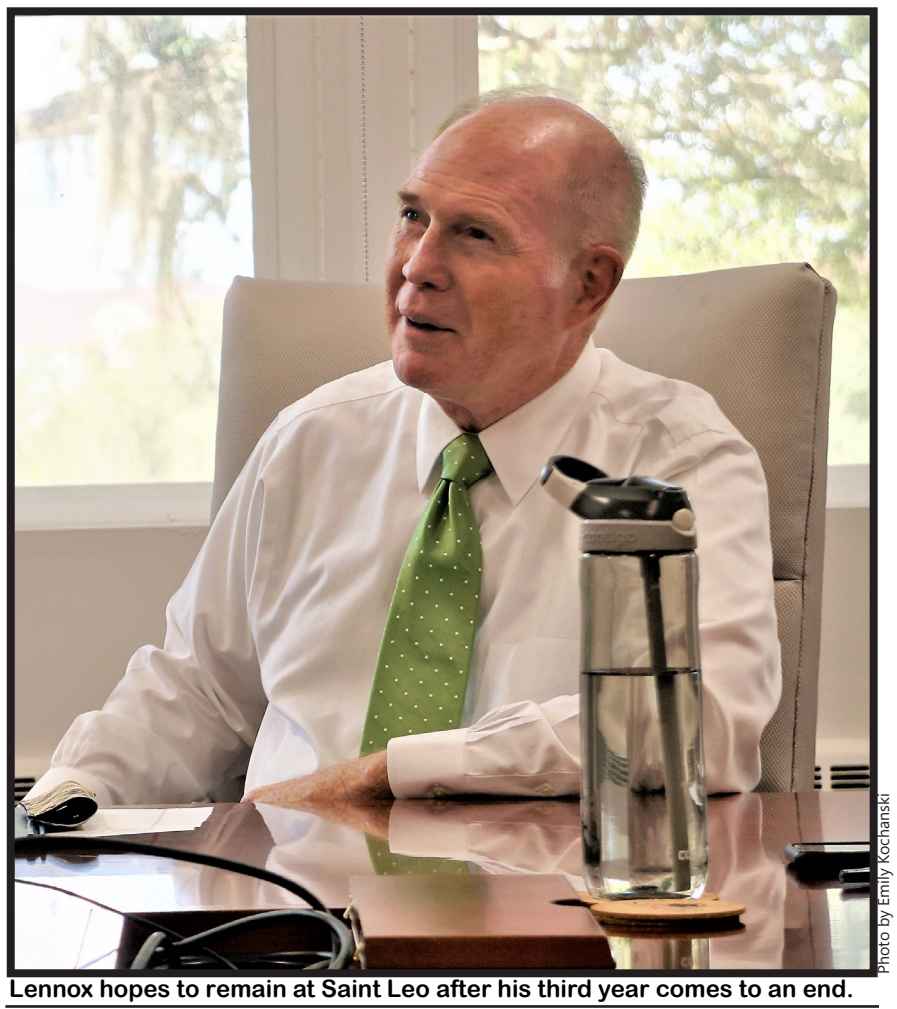
Additionally, Lennox informed that the University has begun putting specific staff and faculty members in charge of different objectives for the year with the goal in mind of listening to new ideas about recruitment, retention, or communication.

It has been rumored among the faculty and staff that Dr. Lennox signed a three-year contract when he first started at Saint Leo. When asked about this claim, Lennox remarked, "I plan on staying." He reflected on his time in the military and how people would ask him when he was going to retire. He shared that he used to say that as long as he was having fun, he was going to stay.

"There's a lot of energy on the campus here. During the summertime, it is quiet and so it's great having the students back. For me, I look at it as stealing the energy from the young. So, as long as I feel energized and feel like I'm contributing, I think I'll be staying," said Lennox.

One of the primary changes happening at Saint Leo this academic school year will be the addition of a provost. Former Vice President of Academic Affairs Mike Nastanski will be returning to teaching this year, so the University is taking advantage of this opportunity to "elevate the stature of that position," according to Dr. Lennox.

"I want the provost now to certainly take care of all the things that the VP for academic affairs did, [including] all of the classes and programs for the campus and also for WorldWide. But also, I want them to take care of the campus so you have that synergy between the academic side and the student success side. This way, I think you'll get better mentoring and better advising, which is critical for retention," said Lennox.



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Lennox hopes to remain at Saint Leo after his third year comes to an end.

Lennox expressed his belief of the importance of the University having better advising to supplement what the people that focus on retention are doing and having those two aspects work together.

"Eventually, this means that I'll have one person as a senior vice president who's a provost taking care of academics and the campus and then one senior vice president taking care of WorldWide and marketing enrollment, and that's Dr. Melanie Storms. Again, it's a move I think to put the University together and that will free me up to do more," said Lennox.

Essentially, the provost will be able to do more specialized things for and with the students on campus. This addition will free up the President both externally and internally. Students should expect to begin to see the provost around campus just as much as they typically see Dr. Lennox on a weekly basis.

"I think it's critical that my vice presidents' faces are around campus and around WorldWide," said Lennox. "I expect that all of our faces will be around here and mine just as much as the new provost's. I enjoy the interaction, I really do, and I would miss that if I felt like I was going to back out of this. The provost will just be an additional face taking the place of the vice president of academic affairs," he continued.

According to Lennox, the University has interviewed three candidates for provost so far, but their lead candidate just recently backed out. "I think he was an urban person and when they came to visit the campus, we're out a little ways and I think the rural atmosphere might have dissuaded him," he stated.

Lennox informed that he didn't believe that the two other candidates were

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Getting to Know You

CAB holds meet and greet to make students feel welcomed and give them a place to belong.

By Kiely Huynh
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When they first begin their college careers, many students are extremely nervous to live on their own. For that reason, many of the activitiesare planned by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) are to help new students adjust to their classes and campus life. On Aug. 22, CAB hosted a meet and greet activity to help incoming students get acquainted with Saint Leo life.

The event, which took place right outside the Student Activities Building from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., drew many students despite the sweltering heat. It is important to the Student Activities Board that they help new students feel welcomed at the University and build a community amongst its students through the events that they host throughout the semester. One of the many goals of this particular event was to have students feel welcomed and be able to help them feel like they found their place at Saint Leo, wherever that may be.

Alexander King, a junior and member of CAB, was among those who helped out at the event. King was eager to meet new students, but also that it might help for returning students to see a familiar face.

"We try to host events where new students can meet and share kind of where they are from, their differences, and similarities," King said.

Many sororities and fraternities came out to get acquainted with the incoming freshmen.

Nothing says "welcome" like freebies! Students could help themselves to a number of nifty items and helpful pieces of information, courtesy of CAB.

Among the new students attending the event was Smive Aurelien, a transfer student from South University in West Palm Beach. Aurelien discovered Saint Leo University when she saw it listed as one of the top universities on a local website. Aurelien chose Saint Leo Univeristy because of the small class sizes and how the staff and students were warm and friendly to her. She is currently majoring in political science and is currently considering a minor in philosophy.

"I was really excited to come after orientation. My orientation leaders Peyton and Juliet were really nice and I didn't feel lost at all," Aurelien said.

Some of the Greek organizations also participated in welcoming the students to campus by answering some of their questions about the food in the cafeteria, places to hang out, their classes, campus and Greek Life, and more. By doing so, many new students gained a sense of community between the Student Actvities Board, the fraternities and Greek organizations, and fellow students.

Overall, those students who attended the event were excited to meet the members of CAB, as well as their fellow students. The Campus Activities Board was happy to be of service to new comers and to answer their questions about involvement and all the fun activities that they will host throughout the year.

Photos courtesy of Ronny Peralta

With a litle help from CAB, students started off their semester feeling confident, determined, and excited for a slew of upcoming activities.

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Starting the Semester Off with a Bang

By John Hall
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Sophomore Jackie Lizarazo (center) takes a quick break from dancing to pose for a quick pic with her friends before returning to partying the night away.

As the torrential rain dampened the green of the SCC bowl on Aug. 25, it did very little to dampen the spirits of the students of Saint Leo as they teemed into the boardrooms for the Back to School Bash.

Scores of students encamped the doors prior to 8 p.m. after receiving notifications that the event was moved to the Boardrooms in lieu of the poor weather.

The event brought together students of every class level in an effort to give relief after an eventful first week on campus. Maliek Watkins an international sophomore student touted the event as being, "a light, spectacular affair".

Watkins continued, that this was not his first time in such a relaxed setting at school, but certainly thought it was a good idea to shake off the jitters from the first week of school.

The room was illuminated with strobe lights throughout and the polyphonic sounds played by the DJ kept the crowd duly entertained. One of the songs that got all students to the dance floor was the "cupid shuffle." The instructional based song by artist Cupid prompted dancers to move from left to right, kicking and turning at different intervals of the song. Each prompt gave students the ability to shake off the woes of the first week.

Biomedical and Health Specialization sophomore Laurian Simpson stated that, though it was a good idea and a really good opportunity to connect with other students, she would have liked to hear music that is more diverse as she is an international student. Simpson attended with other international students who enjoyed the event but wanted a bit more varied musical selection as the night progressed.

Needless to say, the night continued on without a hitch.

Students were able to also grab beautiful florescent shirts, courtesy of the Campus Activity Board (CAB). The members of CAB couldn't resist the opportunity to join in the fun as many of them took to the dance floor showing of their skills.

Mikael Coleman, a senior and VP of Operations for the Student Government Union, touted the success of the event, further applauding the efforts of CAB.

"The students had a dance battle, and some even line danced so, I definitely feel like the students had fun," Coleman stated.

Coleman also referenced Fraternity members present at the party who began to stroll, which solicited cheers and additional participation from attendees as they watched the groups put on an impromptu show.

Freshmen were elated to join in with upper classmen in the festivities.

All students in attendance were given beautiful T-shirts, courtesy of CAB.

Sophomore Maliek Watkins could not contain his excitement, as he continues to support the Back to School Bash for the second consecutive

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quite as good of a fit, so they're going to continue the search. "I'm looking for somebody that is a very good academic, but also a very good leader. So, I expect that person to be out with the faculty, with the staff, and with the students, too," said Lennox. He informed that his advisors have told him that they're coming into a good season for hiring, so he's hopeful that they'll find a good candidate for provost soon.

Having a provost would allow Dr. Lennox to have more time to handle other affairs, such as checking up on the centers.

Lennox recounted when he first started at Saint Leo that he visited the Savannah center and the director reminded him that he has about 2,220 students on main University campus, but that there are about 13,000 students WorldWide, [across other centers around the country and online] so to not forget about them.

Currently, Dr. Mary Spoto is sitting as the interim vice president of academic affairs.

As many are aware, undergraduate admissions numbers are down so much this year that there's a vacant floor in both Marmion and Snyder. When asked about this problem, Dr. Lennox remarked, "It's always a concern when it [recruitment] doesn't go quite the way you expected it, but there is a plan."

Lennox informed that there is a campaign plan set up to remedy this problem that targets certain populations that he feels the University could do a better job at. He believes that better targeting Catholic high schools, international students, homeschooled students, and the Hispanic population will be helpful for the next recruitment season.

"We had a great meeting over the summer with the National Hispanic Institute. We had 130 rising Hispanic seniors here on campus and they had an opportunity to see Saint Leo and we're going to continue that relationship. We've got a three-year contract with them now where they're going to come back each time," said Lennox.

The University wants to increase enrollments both on campus and WorldWide, so they have campaign plans in place in each of those areas.

A common concern for current students when enrollment is down is how it will affect tuition. When asked about this concern, Lennox said, "It's not going to affect tuition. We have fought to keep our tuition low."

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Cassidy Whitaker, the Editor in Chief of the newspaper, conducted the interview.

Lennox informed that if you do a comparison between the private schools right now, Saint Leo has done a great job in "tamping down" tuition. "I'm not saying it's not going to increase, but it's not going to increase to offset this [the low enrollment numbers]. Remember, I told you that we restructured, so we're in pretty good shape right now. We can take this and we've done well over the last couple years financially. So, we're working to do that throughout the rest of the year," he stated.

Lennox explained that when the problem of low enrollment arises, the argument is to either increase margins or volume and that the University is aiming to increase volume. He assured that there are opportunities available to do a better job at bringing in students without raising tuition.

The President informed that he's been asking the staff, faculty, and students what would happen if each of them brought in one student to come to the school next year and has been explaining to everyone how powerful that would be.

He also stated that one of the ideas the University is exploring is having students go home to their high schools and possibly even some neighboring high schools to talk to them about Saint Leo. The students would wear their Saint Leo gear and bring the prospective students pennants.

Lennox's advice to returning students to encourage the new students about their first year is to tell them to get involved. "Get your ideas for increasing campus activities to the Student Activities folks. And if you see somebody in trouble, help. Raise your hand. Whether it's academic, financial, or whatever, raise your hand. Let's work to retain everybody," said Lennox.

"My idea is, if we accept somebody in and they work, we ought to be able to graduate them. And I think that's extremely important. As long as they're working, we ought to work to get them to the finish line. And I told the parents this, too as I spoke to them the other day with the freshmen: finish in four years. Five years is an extra charge and you're not earning money," Lennox continued.

Last semester, Saint Leo hosted its first Town Hall Meeting with President Lennox, and many can attest to the fact that it got a bit chaotic. When asked about the rather hectic event, Lennox remarked, "Look, I've been in the Army 35 years, I've been in business and I've had those sessions before. That doesn't bother me. Those are concerns and I listen to them and I think it's important to hear them."

"To be more efficient, I don't know, maybe we do it by topic. Maybe that would be an important way to focus on each particular area this time," he added.

Lennox explained that he had a couple meetings with Student Government and the activity leaders last year, so the Town Hall was not the only time he talked to students; it was likely just the most public one. He added that they were all very productive and the students had some great ideas because they want to be engaged.

"I've also had breakfast with them and I'm in the dining facility with them at about 11:30 every day and I sit with students, with the vice presidents, and with faculty. So, if anybody has an idea or anything, I'm willing to listen. That's not to say that every idea is a good idea, but I'm willing to listen to hear what they have to say," said Lennox.

As many are aware, expansion plans for "West Campus" were recently announced. When asked for an update on the plans, Lennox informed that there are a couple plans that the University is exploring, but they haven't brought anything to the Board yet, so nothing is official.

Lennox said that the primary thing that they're focusing on in relation to West Campus right now is the Wellness Center. According to Dr. Lennox, the University tried to get the government to give them $4M last year, but it got cut at the very end. Despite this setback, the University's contacts in Tallahassee have encouraged them to try again, so that's what they plan on doing.

As everyone became aware of last semester, the University recently partnered with Florida Hospital. This partnership is how the future Wellness Center will come to fruition. "I think that long term, we're looking at them being partners for quite a while," said Lennox.

Lennox believes that getting a real medical center on campus is key. "I'd ask you to go down to deChantal Hall and take a look at what's been done down there. They've really done an expert job of improving conditions over the summer. But, we need a better facility and this gives us an opportunity to build that facility with a fitness center on top," said Lennox.

"I'm not saying that it [the Wellness Center] was bad before, but there was a lack of privacy. Now, they have real examination rooms, a waiting room out in front, and they've been working to digitize the records so that you can actually have electronic records instead of handwritten ones. We're just becoming more professional over there," said Lennox. "I'm sure we're going to have challenges because this is something new. But at the same time, I think we've improved what we have to offer over there," he added.

He shared his belief that the

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campus fitness center is not appropriate for most students and that the school needs a better place for the athletes to workout. So, a new wellness and fitness center combined would solve both problems.

Another thought the University has for West Campus is a "freshmen experience." Marmion and Snyder would be redone and converted into office space, a new residence hall would be built in place of Marmion and Snyder and likely in place of the ones on main campus as well, and new academic buildings for general education courses primarily would start being built. Again, these are all simply ideas being considered; nothing is confirmed yet.

Lennox also stated that the University is looking into pursuing opportunities for various programs such as nursing and STEM programs.

Recently, some students have expressed concern that some of the scholarships that have been available for application in the past have disappeared from the website. Dr. Lennox informed that the amount of scholarships offered to students has actually gone up considerably and that the University's donors have been very generous.

He stated that approximately 80 new scholarships will be published on Sept. 1, so students should pay attention and look out for them on the website. He also believes that there will be approximately another 50 offered in the spring for the following school year.

"We have about 350 scholarships, whereas about two years ago, we had only about 150. But when you commit them, they're usually committed for three or four years. So, some years look like there's more and then some years less because if you've made a commitment, it takes away from that 350 for a number of years because you're going to get that over a period of one to four years," said Lennox.

"Maybe what students saw last year was a slight reduction because others had been given earlier, but they'll become available again as time passes. And we're going to keep raising money for scholarships. I think that's a critical area for us. That sort of goes with keeping the tuition low and providing assistance as we can," he continued.

There has been some confusion about where the location of the ROTC center has finally landed, as it has moved a couple times recently. According to Dr. Lennox, it will now be located in St. Francis Hall. The official ribbon cutting for the new center will be on Sept. 6.

"Throughout the summer, they worked to improve it. They're going to be in classrooms now and we're going to get rid of those old portables over there. They're just unattractive and that's not the appropriate place for them. We're trying to increase the number of people in ROTC and that was really an unprofessional looking operation," said Lennox.

The Military Resource Center is still for veterans, but Colonel Martis wants the ROTC program working with the veterans to serve as another place that they can go. "We want them to have a classroom environment. So, what we're trying to do is improve and expand the ROTC program here," said Lennox.

Lennox also informed that the ROTC program has a new Captain: Ivan De La Rosa.

With the University's goal of graduating students in four years, many believe that implementing summer classes is a necessary step. When asked about this thought, Lennox remarked that he'd "like to see it."

"We tried it two years ago, but I think we tried it too late. I think they announced it and everybody already had jobs and activities so it didn't work. I've talked to Dr. Spoto about taking a look at it again this year," said Lennox.

Lennox informed that some of the faculty suggested the new incoming class taking some classes as they entered the year, which is what is now the FIRST program: First-Generations Immersed in Rewarding Scholarship to Transition Successfully. The program is comprised of 16 students who are the first in their families to attend college.

"It's really a great concept. I think taking some of the students who need some extra help and getting them into the classroom and campus environment and actually taking classes early gives them a great advantage. They get to know their way around, they shake off any of the homesickness, and then they have a little family that they stick together with," said Lennox.

"So on one end, maybe in the April-May time frame, we take a look at classes for the upperclassmen to supplement what they're doing and then maybe in the August time period we take a look at some of the new ones coming in and giving them an opportunity to get ahead of the game," he continued.

When asked about one piece of advice he'd give to the new freshmen class, Dr. Lennox advised to "Get involved." He believes that the key things are to get engaged, to do an activity, and to take advantage of "what we have here." "Don't stay in your rooms. Do your studying and if you have problems, get help. As long as you're working, we'll work with you to get you through the gates here," he said.

As mentioned before, President Lennox shared that the main thing to focus on for this year is recruiting more students, retaining more students, and graduating those students. Additionally, he hopes that everyone keeps communicating with one another.

"Work together as a team to get the job done. I think that's sort of been a hallmark of Saint Leo in the past. We want to just make sure that we're doing everything we possibly can and to do those things," stated Lennox.

Layout Editor John Hall briefed Lennox on the paper's game plan for the new semester.

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The meeting kicked off with staff introductions made by the Worldly Education Editor, Randawnique Coakley.

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Preparing For Hurricane Season

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Photo by John Hall

Apartment 6 is one of the shelters on campus, when shelter-in-place is neccesary, according to the Hurricane Prepardness handout.

With Hurricane Harvey wreaking havoc in southeast Texas and tropical storm 10 moving up the eastern coast, it is important to know the protocols that are in place for a hurricane.

Many students who attend Saint Leo have never experienced a hurricane as they either live out of state or in a different, where the risk of a potential hurricane is much lower. As such, there are many students who may be unsure as to what precautions to take in order to keep themselves safe during a hurricane.

"We constantly track storms using the weather station we have on campus," said Jose Caban, Director of Plant Operations.

With the abilities of current technology, hurricanes can often be tracked for several days and warnings will be issued through Campus Safety. Saint Leo University believes it is in the best interest of students who live close enough to campus to return home in the case of a hurricane warning. For those who cannot return to their homes or families at such a point in time, Saint Leo has several emergency procedures that will go into effect. However, when asked about their knowledge of the emergency plans put in place by the University in case of hurricanes, most students were unaware of the details of the plan. In fact, Riche Deleveaux, a junior biology major, said, "I am sure that the school should have plans like that, but I have never seen them."

Although a lot of the students may be aware of the procedures, Res Life has certain protocols in place to guarantee student's safety.

"All residence life staff are required to stay on campus before, during, and after the storm. Residence life staff will be responsible for specific areas to ensure the safety of residents," said Matthew Rexford, a graduate assistant for Residence Life. "There are specific areas designated for each student on campus to seek shelter. As a department, we educate RA's to be equipped with the information and resources necessary to keep everyone safe."

Initially, when a hurricane is approaching, information regarding the severity and required actions will be distributed via the main University web page, displayed on flyers posted centrally in all residence halls, sent to student's campus email, and provided to RA staff.

Depending on the severity of the storm, a "shelter-in-place" warning may be issued. In this case, students will be required to move to a designated location with regards to their current housing assignment. These make-shift shelters will be operated by Student Affairs and Campus Operation Staff, and there will provide food in limited quantities so as to outlast the storm if need be.

Hurricane watches are warnings issued when a hurricane is considered to be a possible threat to impact the area within the following 24 hours. Once a hurricane watch is in place, there will be mandatory information meetings in residence halls. Also, students departing campus must check out with their RA and inform them as to with whom they will be staying as well as contact information. Additionally, students departing campus must prepare their rooms by following a set of guidelines provided by their RA.

As mentioned before, students are encouraged to leave campus if they live nearby; however, students who are remain on campus will need to adhere to the following relocations assignments: students in Marmion, Snyder, Henderson, and Benoit will remain in their respective residence halls; students in the Roderick and Alumni residence halls will relocate to Apartment 6; students in Apartments 2, as well as students who reside on East Campus will relocate to Apartment 1; students in Apartments 3 will relocate to Apartment 4; and finally, students in Apartments 5 will relocate to Apartment 6. For students' safety, they will only be located on the first floor of these buildings and not near any windows.

When relocating to a hurricane shelter, it is important to remember that they are not designed for the comfort of occupants, but rather their safety. Only

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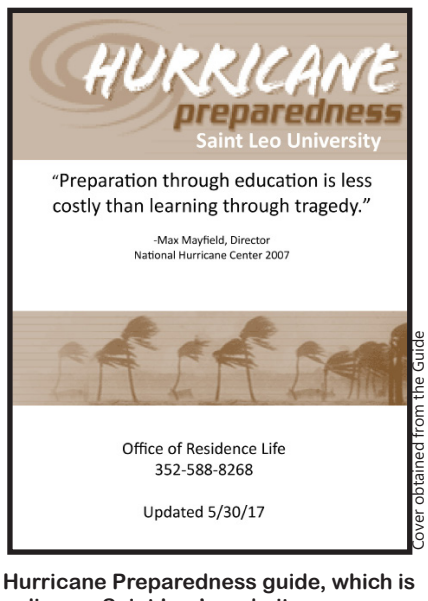
Resident Life informs the Resident assitants to relay information to students when hurricane are looming over University Campus.



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Hurricane Preparedness guide, which is online on Saint Leo's website.

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the basic amenities will be available to students, and great care must be taken to avoid wastage.

"Saint Leo is set up to function using a series of wells, so we will always have water," said Caban. "The campus is also equipped with two main generators to power lights and other amenities to select buildings during a hurricane."

When relocating to a temporary shelter, students should pack only what is necessary such as a pillow, blanket or sleeping bag, an extra pair of glasses or contacts, cards, board games, books, a flashlight with fresh batteries, a form of identification, enough cash to last for two weeks, toiletries, sweatshirts, snacks, a music player with headset, bottled water, and a cell phone. It should be noted that cigarettes, alcohol, and any device that is required to be plugged in for operation will not be allowed into a temporary shelter.

Once the hurricane has passed, it is important for residents of the shelter to remain indoors until the "all clear" is declared by an authorized University official. Students should be careful to stay away from downed power lines; even though the power may be off in the local area, there is a chance the line may still be "live" and has the potential to cause serious injury or death. Students should not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency, instead they should call the campus safety number that can be found around campus. Damages and utility interruptions should be reported to Residence Life, and students should avoid drinking tap water after a hurricane until they are instructed that it is safe to do so.

Overall, the Saint Leo has a lot of protocols in place to ensure student's safety and with the hurricane season in full swing, it is important for students to be informed and to be prepared. Much of this information on knowing what to do after the hurricane approaches, and more, can be found on the Saint Leo University Hurricane Preparedness.

Hurricane Harvey Affects Corpus Christi Center

By Randawnique Coakley
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Hurricane Harvey is causing major damage in Texas, and it is affecting the Saint Leo community.

Hurricane Harvey has torn apart the southeastern side of Texas since it made landfall on Friday, Aug.26. About 30,000 residents were displaced from their homes into shelters, and as of Aug.30, authorities have reported that the death toll has risen to 30, according to *The New York Times*. Essentailly, The Saint Leo Corpus Christi Center has been closed from Aug. 28 until at least Sept. 1. On Friday, the University will reassess the status of the Center and disseminate information. This Center is located on Corpus Christi's Naval Air Station. Also, there has been extended power outages and delays, and according to University Communication, the Center's staff, faculty, and students evacuated their homes, with some of their residence suffering damages.

"Many of our students', staff, and adjuncts' lives were disrupted by Harvey," said Sara Heydon, the director of Corpus Christi. "We've left our homes, and lost internet and cell phone service."

The University is committed to all of their faculty, staff, and students, who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey.

In fact, Saint Leo has verified that their staff in Corpus Christi are safe, and noted that some have had significant loss during the hurricane.

"We are keeping our employees and students updated and encouraging them to stay in touch via email, our website, and social media," said William J. Lennox Jr., president of Saint Leo University.

Also, according to the statement on the Saint Leo main website, the University is prepared to offer extensions to deadlines and flexibility with assignments due to Hurricane Harvey.

"Dr. Mary Spoto is working closely with Dr. Melanie Storms to be as accommodating as possible with each student's academic situation, as the term is just beginning," said Lennox.

The statement also expressed that the University's thoughts are with all those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

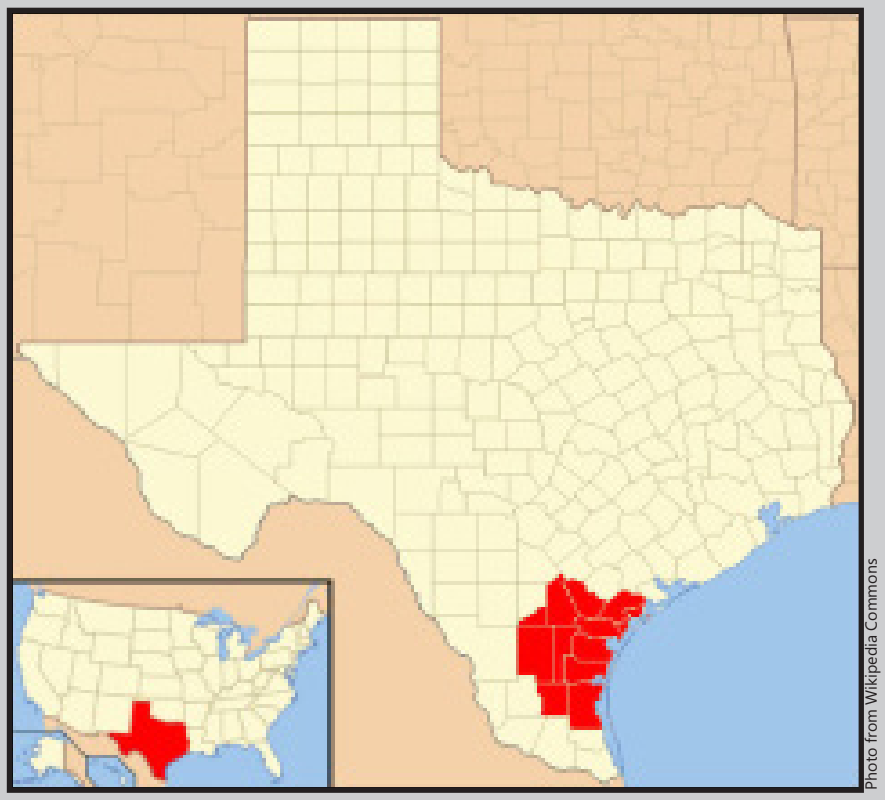
The University also included its concern for the Corpus Christi Center in its statement on the Saint Leo website: "Saint Leo University is aware of and concerned about the damage in your area that may have resulted from Hurricane Harvey. Our primary concern is for your safety and well-being and we sincerely hope you and your family are safe."

In addition to the students impacted at the Center, students on campus and online have also been affected.

"We have many WorldWide students in coastal Texas and Louisiana who take courses online and have been affected by the storm," said Lennox. "We have been in constant contact with both our staff and our students who have felt the impact. We will continue to communicate and be as flexible as possible to accommodate this unprecedented disruption in their personal and professional lives."

Also, there are students on University Campus that who from the impacted area, whose families are affected from Hurricane Harvey. Saint Leo is actively trying to help these students.

"Student Affairs is being attentive in helping them get in touch with family, making travel arrangements, and assisting with other needs they may have,"



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Corpus Christi is located on the south eastern part of Texas and is near the Gulf.

How to Lend a Helping Hand

The following is a message from the Office of the President regarding how every member of the Saint Leo community can lend a hand to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

There are three important things every member of our community can do:

1. Regardless of your specific responsibilities at Saint Leo, if you get a call or email from any students affected by this unfortunate situation, make sure you "walk" them where they need to go to get help. In other words, stay with them through a phone transfer or copy them on emails as you seek to find them help. Each of them needs to know we all care, and we're all committed to helping in any way we can.

2. Keep all of those affected in your prayers. In the acts of bravery we have already witnessed on the news, it is clear to see the hand of God reaching out to comfort those in need.

3. If you are so inclined, donations to organizations on the ground are appreciated. Rather than collecting items like clothes and water that then need to be transported, please consider a gift to the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Services. These organizations are already providing services in the areas of need.

For an update on the impact of Harvey to Saint Leo, check future print issues and our website for more content.
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Sports

Punched Into The History Books

Mayweather Bests McGregor In 10!

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McGregor held his own in the first few rounds before ultimately being knocked out in the 10th round against Mayweather.

The most anticipated fight of all time ended in the most probable way. Aug. 26, 2017 will go down as the day when UFC's biggest star, Conor McGregor, stepped into a boxing ring for the first time as a professional boxer against the best the sport of boxing has to offer, Floyd "Money" Mayweather. Many thought the fight was never going to happen as the talk building up this fight began shortly after Mayweather's fight against Manny Pacquiao back in 2015 after Mayweather said he is going into retirement.

Floyd said that he owed it to the people to have a better fight than the last one he had against Manny Pacquiao, and he did just that. Many people, who have never watched a boxing match prior to this, were still able to be entertained and watch a good fight.

The pay-per-view did not go without its scrutiny as a lot of people were having issues with ordering the boxing match. UFC.tv, who was selling the fight on their website alongside with Showtime Boxing, had their website crash hours before the bout. This caused the time of the fight to be delayed by almost half an hour.

Despite the issues ordering the pay-per-view, the fight ended with the dominant Mayweather forcing the referee to call for the TKO in the 10th round in their junior middleweight clash to an under capacity crowd at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mayweather became the first boxer to have 50 wins without a loss or a draw, passing the legendary Rocky Marciano. Floyd said after the fight that he will be returning to his retirement saying "This was my last fight. Tonight I chose the right dance partner to dance with."

Mayweather let McGregor win the first three rounds, tiring McGregor out before beginning his offense. McGregor, who is used to having a maximum of 25 minute fights in the UFC looked burned out after round six. Many people have said this was a disgraceful way for Mayweather to pass Marciano, facing a fighter who has not had any professional boxing experience but Mayweather had a response to those critics.

"A win is a win, no matter how you get it... Rocky Marciano is a legend, and I look forward to going into the Hall of Fame one day."

McGregor, regarded as one of the best mixed martial artists in the world today, was criticized by many for even having a match against Mayweather boxing ring without experience, but people were ready to cheer for the underdogs. McGregor had landed only 26 percent of his punches during the fight while Mayweather connected on 53 percent.

It will be interesting to see the next chapter for both these fighters. Will McGregor go back to the UFC after this? Will he try to get a rematch against Mayweather? Will he try to get the rumored fight against former sparring partner and now commentator Paulie Malignaggi in Ireland on Saint Patrick's Day? Will Mayweather remain retired at forty years of age or come back out of retirement for another fight? These questions will be answered in due time.

Upcoming Games for the Week of 8/31/17 - 9/8/17

Men's Soccer

8/31: @ Wingate 7 PM
9/2: @ Lees McRae in Wingate 2 PM
9/6: @ Florida National University 7 PM

Women's Soccer

9/1: @ Christian Brothers 6 PM
9/3: Vs West Alabama 10 AM

Men's Cross Country

9/2: @ Southeastern Fire Short Course Invitational 7:30 AM

Women's Cross Country

9/2: @ Southeastern Fire Short Course Invitational 8 AM

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